namely Tamil Nadu (3), Maharashtra (5), Karnataka (1), Andhra Pradesh (1) and Manipur (1). The outcome of the study in prevention of mother to child transmission has been encouraging.

Testing of Experimental Cancer Drugs on Indian Patients

1382. SHRIRAJNATHSINGH 'SURYA':

SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA:

Will the MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state;

(a) whether a scientist of John Hopkins University in the US tested experimental cancer drugs on patients in India;

(b) if so, whether it was done after necessary clearance from Government; and

(c) if not, the steps taken against those found guilty?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. P. THAKUR): (a) to (c) Regional Cancer Centre, Thiruanthapuram had undertaken the clinical trial with two experimental anti-cancer drugs in collaboration with John Hopkin's University, USA. In this trial 26 oral cancer patients were treated from November 1999 to April 2000. Following reports that drugs banned in USA have been used in the trials, an enquiry team was constituted to investigate the matter. As per the findings of the investigating team, consisting of representatives from Dte. General of Health Services, Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and Central Drugs Control Organisation, the Regional Cancer Centre, Thiruanthapuram has not used any banned drug. However, there have been some procedural lapse for which the Director, Regional Cancer Centre, Thiruanthapuram has been served a show-cause notice and directed to suspend all ongoing clinical trials for a period of 6 months. They have also been directed to reconstitute the Institutional Ethics Committee, and co-opt a Member from Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) on it.

Inclusion of ISM and Yoga in the MBBS SYLLABUS

† 1383. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY:

SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:

Will the MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

† Original notice of the questions was received in Hindi.